



COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

APPROVED MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Jessica Chilton
Councilor Mark Gundersen
Councilor Brandon Sundeen

STAFF PRESENT

John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder
Tina Curry, Contracted Event Coordinator

OTHERS

Diana Wiener
Nick Hellmich

CALL REGULAR SESSION TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITOR COMMENTS – *Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker*

- ◆ Nick Hellmich. He announced his interest in the vacant Council position and talked about his background:
 - More than a decade of experience and leadership roles in the financial service industry.
 - Currently works at Community Action Team (CAT) where he spearheads homeownership and financial literacy classes to empower community members with tools to create a stable and prosperous future.
 - Previously worked at Wauna Credit Union where he cultivated relationships, opened and managed a branch, and championed community service efforts.
 - Previously served in the US Navy, where he was instilled with discipline, being meticulous, and the value of service for the greater good.
 - Believes in the power of community engagement and its direct impact on the local economy.
 - Offers his professional expertise and passion for community welfare and growth.

AWARD BID AND/OR CONTRACT

1. Award Bid to Emery & Sons Construction Inc. for Progressive Design Build Services for the Replacement of the 2.0MG Reservoir and Authorize the Public Works Director to Negotiate a Final Scope of Work and Cost based on the Contractor's Design-Build Proposal

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Council President Chilton to approve '1' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

APPROVE AND/OR AUTHORIZE FOR SIGNATURE

2. Performance Agreement with Oregon Department of Energy for Grant for Solar at the New Public Safety Building
3. Extension of Agreement with Structural Nexus LLC for Structural Plan Review Services

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Sundeen and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '2' and '3' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

CONSENT AGENDA FOR ACCEPTANCE

4. Planning Commission Minutes dated July 11, 2023

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve '4' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

5. Council Minutes dated July 19, 2023
6. Accounts Payable Bill Lists

Motion: Motion made by Councilor Gundersen and seconded by Council President Chilton to approve '5' and '6' above. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS**Leak Adjustment - Armstrong World Industries**

Motion: Motion made by Council President Chilton and seconded by Councilor Gundersen to approve a utility account adjustment for Armstrong World Industries back to their average water utility fee due to a major water leak. **Vote:** Yea: Mayor Scholl, Council President Chilton, Councilor Gundersen, Councilor Sundeen

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Council President Chilton reported...

- Attended the Black Tie & Blue Jeans fundraiser. It was fun and a nice opportunity to network.
- Softball is in full swing. Parks & Recreation Manager Shanna Duggan has done a great job running the co-ed league at McCormick Park.
- Agreed with Doug Morten's comments made during the Work Session about the need for a stronger partnership with the Fire District.
- Will be on vacation next week.
- Applauded Public Works Director Mouhamad Zaher and Engineering Manager Sharon Darroux on their 2MG Water Reservoir presentation during the Work Session. It was a great opportunity to be transparent and share what has been happening with the community.

Councilor Sundeen reported...

- Parks & Trails Commission met on Monday.
 - Discussed the fire danger in parks and the recent fire at the BMX track. He would like it clearer that smoking is not allowed in parks.
 - Reviewed park permits and fees.
 - Vandalism continues to be a big problem, especially in bathrooms. There has also been drug use in the restrooms. Mayor Scholl wants to make sure the bathrooms are unlocked on Friday for the movies.
- The Gateway sign was first proposed to Council in February, committee meetings were held April through June, and Planning Commission made a recommendation at their July meeting. The rendering was emailed to Council and distributed in the newsletter a week ago. Nothing has been

done in secret. He does look forward to community input at an open house. He wants it to be something everyone can be proud of.

Councilor Gundersen reported...

- Announced that the Planning Commission meetings are public, available online, and allow for public input. People should attend meetings if they really want to know what's happening.
- He also attended the Black Tie & Blue Jeans event and had a great time.
- Transparency can easily be resolved by showing up and participating. Come to the Council meetings instead of just complaining, commenting, and asking questions on social media.

MAYOR SCHOLL REPORTS

- The Black Tie & Blue Jeans event raised a lot of money for scholarships. It was a good event.
- He met with Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici. It was nice to show off the city to her. She was impressed with what's going on.
- He agreed with Doug Morten's comments during the Work Session. It's scary for the people who live in that area and the potential to be trapped during a fire.
- Glad to see the new tourism boat running.
- The Sandcastle competition was great.
- Attended the Oregon Mayors Conference in Hood River last week. He learned a lot and got ideas for the Waterfront and paid parking.
- A lot of time and collaboration has gone into the Waterfront project. There have been plenty of opportunities for input. They need to celebrate what is happening and not tear it down. He is always willing to listen when people come to him.
- The Urban Renewal was adopted in 2016 and they are already implementing it.
- The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Focus Magazine featured City employees on the cover, a section on employment retention and recruitment, and an expose' on the Riverwalk and Riverfront project.
- Thanked staff for their work.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN – 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Payne

Kathy Payne, City Recorder

/s/ Rick Scholl

Rick Scholl, Mayor